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Hamilton vs. Rochester.

Wednesday night the 'Varsity defeated the five representing Rochester University in an exciting but not a close game. The visitors had some good men. Herman and Reed especially distinguished themselves. The game was remarkably free from fouls, one being called on each team. The guarding was close and baskets were earned and not thrown at will. There were few spectacular baskets.

Bramley threw the first basket within five seconds after the whistle blew, and during the first half the score see-sawed back and forth, but our team was always in the lead, and the half ended twenty-two to ten in our favor.

The play was somewhat slow during the first of the second half, and it was not until the last eight minutes that the score commenced to roll up.

Swetman covers his man well but he is lamentably weak on basket shooting. He had chances galore but only made four of them count.

Bramley has seven baskets to his credit and Kuolt had his eye with him. Somehow the ball did not seem to drop into the basket as easily as we have sometimes seen it.

Sicard and Sherman blocked their men in good shape. It would be interesting to know how many miles these two men cover during a game.

The college turned out fairly well and the cheering and singing between halves was much enjoyed.

Hamilton 46. Rochester 19.

Sicard.	Left Forward.	Reed
Kuolt.	Right Guard.	Herman
Swetman	Center.	Maecherlein
Bramley.	Left Guard.	VanBuskirk
Sherman.	Right Guard.	Joy

Baskets—Sicard 4, Kuolt 6, Swetman 4, Bramley 7, Sherman 4, Reed 4, Herman 3, Maecherlein 1, Joy 1. Goals from fouls, Reed 1.

Umpire, Stroud. Referee, Watson.

FOOTBALL QUESTION DEBATED.

Juniors Win from Seniors—Game Proved a Detriment.

The annual Senior-Junior debate was held in the Chapel on Tuesday night at 7 promptly. A subject of more universal interest could not have been chosen. The great notoriety which football has obtained in the past year, the strong arguments pro and con, the local interest and the spirit of the Hill, all united in making the debate a very interesting one. As a debate pure and simple we would say that it was not above the standards of this College. In many speakers there seemed a noticeable lack of logic; there was too little of the hard drive and clinch to the arguments. Strong points were often touched on lightly and weak ones were propped up with too much care. We believe that in smoothness of style and ease of delivery the eight men who debated Tuesday night were the equals of any men we have sent out to represent the College. In logic, in clinching arguments and in plans, the Juniors excelled. They also had the more easily handled side of the question; we do not say the stronger side, but it is easier to tear down than to build, and the affirmative of the question was really the negative of the football discussion. For smoothness, delivery and ease, the Seniors were notably the better. The Seniors depended on rebuttal, the Juniors on carrying the war into the enemy's camp. Both classes were confident of victory and the audience were about evenly divided when the question went to the judges.

It is a notable fact that not one of the eight men has worn a College football suit. No football face was in evidence.

In reviewing the individual speakers much praise can be given. The Seniors debated individually. They appeared a bit too independent for a team debate. The Juniors sank personality in the common kettle and worked for all. There

was little gloss and varnish on their part.

Gilbert had a well formed plan, outlined the question well and stated the position which his side took. He was smooth, convincing, with plenty of warmth. He will make a strong debater.

Purdy was intent, in the subject heart and soul. He is also a fluent speaker.

Grossmeyer appeared nervous. He lacked the smoothness of delivery of the other speakers, but showed a level, logical head.

McLean, sharp, quick witted, a bit too pugnacious, fearless, by many judged to have put up the best debate of the evening.

Scoon has a slight hesitancy of speech caused by nervousness; but he possesses a splendid head and talked well, guarding himself and handling sarcasm to the greatest advantage.

Drummond was fluent, a bit too composed, perfectly at home with the question. Drummond probably understands football better than any other man on the debate, and this accounted for his ease in handling the question.

Libbey closed for the Juniors in splendid style, making one of the best debates of the evening.

Melrose ended the debate by summing up for the negative. He is a plausible speaker with a level head and good address.

President Stryker was in the chair, and when he called the meeting to order, promptly at 7, there was a large audience seated in the Chapel. The exact wording of the question was, "That football as it is now played is detrimental to the best interests of the College." The judges were Professors Wood, Davenport and Ibbotson. Each debater spoke twice, being allowed in all twelve minutes.

In opening the debate Gilbert defined the question and laid down the premise that athletics should have a prominent part in college life. He outlined the attack of the affirmative, declaring that they would take up four direct arguments against football as it is now played: First, that professionalism exists in the game as played today; second, that it fosters a spirit of brutality; third, that existing rules do not protect the individual player from injury; and fourth, that the game is morally degrading. Taking up the subject of professionalism, Gilbert cited Roosevelt, Eliot, Jordan and Angell, and declared that there was a professional graft and dirtiness in football today that would make a life insurance president feel as innocent as a Sunday school superintendent. He mentioned the case of Fielding Yost, the Michigan football coach. Professionalism, he asserted, exists in the small college as well as in the great university. The game, he said, had passed from the control of the bonafide student to the football crank, making it no longer a sport but a business.

Purdy opened the negative, and his method of procedure hinted at the method the Seniors were to pursue in their side of the argument. After yielding the fact that football is now characterized by some brutality, he declared that brutality does not predominate, nor do any of the so-called evils of the game exceed the better aspects and advantages; and he insisted the affirmative was bound to prove a preponderance of evil, if they were to show that the game is a detriment to college interests. He granted that professionalism does exist in football, and that the game is not without debasing influences, but urged that these evils do not predominate, and that football teaches fortitude and is in sympathy with American principles.

For the affirmative, Grossmeyer took up the moral side of this much maligned game, and attributed its brutality to four causes: First, the attitude of salaried coaches toward the game; second, the partisan spirit of spectators; third, the notoriety the newspapers give to the football games and football heroes; and fourth, the intense interest of the public. He maintained that the spirit of fair play had been eliminated, and that present methods foster commercialism, and so doing professionalism lowers the tone of the whole college or university.

With considerable force McLean, for the negative, made it plain that a man

can be a gentleman on the gridiron as well as in the drawing room. As every engine must have a safety valve, McLean argued that the college had similar need to let off surplus energy. He brought the fact home to his audience that before football came to Hamilton College there used to be class rows in which more heads and limbs were broken than in all the football history of Hamilton College. College men have improved since the introduction of football. McLean expressed the view that if football was abolished, some other college sport would of necessity inherit all the evils of the present game.

In opening his arguments, Scoon for the Juniors, maintained that the nearer a football team gets to athletic perfection and championship mettle, the more it smacks of the Teutonic and Saxon elements which we are wont to attribute to the New York and Boston police. Arguing that undue emphasis is now laid on weight, he pointed out the fact that the mass plays permit dirty work, when one ton of human flesh meets another ton of human flesh.

As the third man for the affirmative, Drummond went back to the definition of the question, claiming that even if football was thirty per cent. bad and seventy per cent. good it could not be called a detriment. He quoted President Roosevelt and declared that football gave a man just as good an opportunity to show his good as his bad qualities. He illustrated the point at some length in an effort to prove that football had even a place as a great educator.

Libbey closed for the affirmative in strong fashion. He argued that football had proved itself unable to cope with the evils of the game, and that any game which could not restrain these evils is a detriment to the spirit of fairness and to the college itself.

Melrose advanced for the negative figures showing that only one out of every ten men in college play football, and that only one out of 35 lose time from their college work on account of the game. He asserted that in the fact that football was a rough game lies its chief advantage.

The second appearance of the speakers did not develop many new arguments, except some uncertainty about the number of men killed last year.

The judges reached their ballot quickly, returning a unanimous vote on the first ballot for the Juniors.

Hamilton 30, Rochester 22.

Hamilton defeated Rochester on her own floor one week ago last Friday night for the first time since 1906 entered College, and Rochester has this year the best team she has ever put on the floor. Rochester played us to a standstill the first half, but went to pieces during the second. During this half the Varsity did some phenomenal passing and shooting. For Rochester, Reid and VanBuskirk did the best playing while Bramley did especially good work for us. Sherman played his usual star game and Swetman did very well at center, getting the ball from his opponent on nearly every tip-off. Sicard scored the first basket by knocking the ball into the basket from the referee's toss. Bramley threw several wonderfully clean baskets from the center of the floor.

The second half was much the faster. At the close of the first half the score was tied at 9 all. Hamilton showed her speed and accuracy in passing and basket throwing in the second half. Hamilton's team work was especially good in this half, and by it they kept Rochester hunting for the ball most of the time. Just before time was called "Tommy" was injured by a nasty fall, and LeMunyan substituted.

The line-up and summary are as follows:

Rochester 22.	Hamilton 30.
	Right Forward.
Ramaker.	Kuolt.
	Left Forward.
Reid, (Capt.)	Sicard.
	Center.
Maecherlein.	Swetman.
	Right Guard.
VanBuskirk.	Bramley.
	Left Guard.
Joy.	Sherman, (Capt.), LeMunyan.
Baskets from field—Ramaker 1, Reid 5, VanBuskirk 3, Kuolt 2, Sicard 4, Swetman 1, Bramley 5, Sherman 2. Baskets from fouls—Reid 2, Sherman 2. Points awarded—Rochester 2. Referee—MacLaughlin, Y. M. C. A. Umpire—Watson, Williams, '05. Timekeepers—Lee, Rochester East High, LeMunyan, '06. Time of halves—20 minutes.	

Junior Prom.

Judging from the present indications the Junior Prom. will be unusually well attended this year. Every possible effort is being made to give a successful dance. From 9 to 9:30 there will be a concert, after which dancing will begin. A program of forty dances has been arranged. Music will be furnished by White, of Utica, and the caterer will be Owens of the same city.

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AT THE DEBATE TUESDAY evening, when one of the Seniors suggested that we sing "Carissima", a student was heard to remark: "Let's not; we will have to stand." And this particular student was not the only one who seemed reluctant to take the suggestion. Indeed, the slowness with which the majority of the fellows got to their feet was symbolical a college spirit more lukewarm than we have yet seen among Hamilton students. To sing this song, which means so much to every one of us, should be a joy, as it is a privilege. No college has a better song, and few as good. We are proud of it; we are proud of the man who wrote it; and he will always be remembered as the one who wrote "Carissima."

Occasions are few, too few, when the college is together and can appropriately sing this queen of Hamilton songs; but when the opportunity does come let every man up and sing with a good, loyal spirit.

THE LAST ISSUE OF THE *Illustrated Out Door News* contains an exceedingly interesting article on Hamilton College from the pen of Drummond, '06. The two pages, devoted to our Hill and athletics, contain the pictures of the Chapel, Commons, Halls of Languages and

Philosophy, with excellent cuts of the football, baseball and basket-ball teams.

Under the title of "Schools and Colleges of America," Hamilton, the writer, gives an excellent description of the Hill and its surroundings. Then follows a history of the College which should be of interest to all undergraduates. Next comes our buildings and their donators. This part of Hamilton is given considerable space, and fittingly. "Drum" proceeds to outline the work of the College on the adequate courses offered. He mentions our oratorical fame, our democratic spirit and the various fraternities.

His short half column on athletics shows what Hamilton is doing along this line. Debating is given its due space and the account closes with a list of the faculty.

On the whole the article is well written and gives a true picture of the College and its various activities.

IT IS A MATTER GREATLY to be regretted that the musical club trip conflicts with one of our most important basket-ball games. Tonight the gleeful artists perform in Binghamton, and tonight the basket ball team plays at Syracuse University. This coincidence may turn a possible victory into a sure defeat, for one of our strongest basket-ball players is on the musical club trip.

In a college where there is a large number of men to draw from, a conflict of this nature would not generally be embarrassing, but where there are less than two hundred men from whom to choose, the managers of the various clubs and athletic teams would do well to confer, and if possible arrange their schedules in such a way as to avoid conflicts.

✓ THE UNDERGRADUATE BODY HAS been bemoaning the loss of several of our largest and oldest shade-trees which have gone to swell the college woodpile. This week the "powers that be" have seen fit to make an ash-heap of the walk from Carnegie to North, which means that every one of us must walk through the mud and grass, instead of on the "dry walks" promised in the catalog.

But the college itself—that is the students—have two things on which they may receive congratulations. First of all, we have a good Musical Club this year, which, for the last two nights, at Auburn and Elmira, and again tonight, at Binghamton, is doing a whole lot for

the College. Whatever "knocks" we may have about them, it can't be gainsaid that the Clubs are strong and will be a good advertisement for Hamilton.

Another thing of which we are proud is our basket-ball team. So far they have scored 287 points against our opponents' 67. That shows what consistent work with a competent coach amounts to. They have an unusually hard schedule still to play—the hardest in fact ever played by a Hamilton basket-ball team—but they are doing their best and we all ought to help them.

The musical clubs and basket-ball team are doing a lot this winter to increase our prestige. If everyone would stop knocking all the little things he may not approve of and begin to push, we can only conjecture what these two organizations would accomplish. Let's all help.

When we get blue or pessimistic over college affairs, and when it seems that there is nothing good to be found, lay it to the weather. If we open our eyes and look around we must admit, even the worst cynic in the bunch, that the College not only isn't going to the dogs, but is doing more things and doing them better than ever before in its history.

A Review of the "Lit."

Once more we greet the *Lit.* Whether it is the January or the December number we are at a loss to tell, for both months are vouched for.

Leavenworth, '09, has a very creditable bit of verse on the first page. It is entitled "New Year." New Year resolutions are in vogue. Next we find an oration by Maynard, '06, "The Human Heart." It is a cry against the selfishness of man. Human nature is human nature in all ages. Baum, '09, with "The Song of the Poet" has the ruses of gentle wit. The verse is catchy and the finale brings a smile. Beautiful sentiment. Trippe, '07, produces an Indian legend "The Magnanimity of Captain John Hudson." This is the true story of a "good Indian". It is well written and has much local and valuable history for southern Pennsylvanians. Edgerton, '06, has written an oration on "Popularity." We believe that he struck the nail fairly on the head in this article. A. F. Osborn, '09, has written a pathetic little story entitled "An Inter-link Affection." The living proof of the Darwinian theory and the pet baboon have a heart to heart talk.

"Mr. Thompson's Cosy Corner" is an amusing story by Peck, '07. It is written in the vernacular. "Robert Bruce—A Study," by Joralemon, '08, shows the writer's deep interest in Scotch history. The article is a well written sketch of the most romantic man of the most romantic country of Europe. The real high water mark of the issue, or as George Ade would say, (pardoning the passing from the sublime to the ridiculous) "the real cream," are two translations from the odes of Horace. One is of the 38th ode of the first book and is a product of the pen of Paul Stryker. One can almost see this habitue of the dress suit (we are not referring to Horace) seated 'neath a "vine sequestered nook" discoursing on the evils of the Persian splendor. The other is the celebrated ode on the Bandusian fount and is cleverly rendered with classic appreciation by "Mart" Driscoll.

"An Old Dodge, or the Wisdom of Solomon," by Woolcott, '09, is founded on Hebraic lore. It is a modern adaptation of that greatly overrated Jewish king.

Criticus appears this month, but not as usual. We are out of sympathy with his theme. The article reads like that of a man whose imagination has been elevated to the lunar regions. Criticus has always been a page of common sense and good hard truth. We are sorry to see this ethereal flight.

The editorials are good, unusually good. They are four in number and all but one touch subjects of college importance.

Among the Lits and Book Reviews each occupy a page. It is in College Verse that we find the best production. It is a sonnet from the Williams Lit. and is written on Guido's Beatrice Cenci. Too much praise can not be given. The Hill Notes are of little note.

Dr. Squires has been faithful in the Alumniana and Necrology departments. Some very interesting notes and good obituaries are there found.

On the whole we would say that the stories and Criticus found in this month's issue are of the imaginative type to a marked degree. The orations are well selected and the verse is average.

—"Schnitzie" did the unexpected and cut Monday morning. The Sophomores and Freshmen were so overjoyed that they could not contain themselves, and consequently, spread all over the Campus yelling in his honor.

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College Notes.

—Winston Phelps, Williams, '08, was on the Hill Wednesday.

—Wilson, '09, who was called home on account of his father's death, has not, as yet, returned to College.

—Edward Cookinham, ex-'08, now at Boston Tech., was on the Hill a few days the first part of the week.

—"Nick" is still on the sick list, being ill with pneumonia. The math. sharks are being surfeited with cuts.

—The musical clubs will be entertained this afternoon by "The Lady Jane Grey School" of Binghamton.

—Perkins, 'ex-'08, whose father died recently, has moved to New Berlin. He expects to enter Princeton next year.

—Mr. Jos. W. Kuolt, of Utica, came out Wednesday to see "Ockie" play basket-ball. They say that he was satisfied.

—Owing to a fire in Utica which destroyed Photographer Lewis' rooms, a number of college orders will be delayed.

—The LIFE Board managed to stand "Gib's" jokes and physiognomy long enough to have their pictures taken on Saturday. No fatalities.

—Practice for the "gym. show" goes on merrily. Judging from the present achievements this show is going to surpass all previous efforts.

—Can't we have more light in the Gymnasium dressing room? It is really a disgrace to take a visiting team into such a poorly lighted place.

—"Bugs" gave a written review in "Hygiology" the other day. Number of questions, two. Time limit, ten minutes or less. No failures reported.

—On Washington's birthday, at 11 o'clock, Rev. George Knox will give an address; the subject being, "The east is east, the west is west; are they?"

—In translating Homer lately one of the Freshmen evolved the fact that "the kids had no fodder," which caused some one to bewail their misfortune in being half orphans.

—Judging from the broken mantles in the "Gym." it would be cheaper to have electric lights in that building. Perhaps in the course of time they will be installed. Such a course would seem to be the most expedient way out of the present difficulty.

—Monday and Tuesday skating was fine wherever there was water enough to freeze. A good many fellows took occasion to test the edge of their skates.

—Owing to the fact that the sun was not on the job Saturday, the taking of the football team's picture was postponed a week. Better weather has been ordered.

—Wednesday's basket-ball game was the first that Rochester has played here in many years. Seeing that they were used squarely on this trip, they cannot refuse to come again.

—Another prize has been added to our list. It is a cash prize amounting to \$100.00, for the best essay presented on the following subject: "Franchise grants to gas and electric light companies."

—The Senior class has decided that its executive committee be elected and not appointed by the president. Thus, having abolished the spoils system, they will shortly proceed to elect "safe and sane" officers.

—A careful study is being made by the more inquisitive as to whether there really is such a thing as a football face. Kind of hard on the heroes of but a few months ago, to put them in the category with pugilists.

—That the chess notion is getting a hold on somebody was brought forcibly to mind Wednesday night, when until midnight the lights in the Y. M. C. A. (which must be extinguished at ten,) shone brilliantly over the heads of two chess sharks trying to figure out a mate.

—A new departure for Prom. week is being planned. The underclassmen propose to give a dance at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall on Friday evening, thus relieving the upperclassmen of the pleasant duty of taking the underclassmen's girls to the various fraternity receptions.

—Where, Oh, where is the basket-ball squad? Five men for a scrub team is all right in its way, but it doesn't weigh much. To have a successful 'Varsity we must have a large scrub out. Don't be backward about coming forward, fellows; the coach, the team and the College need you.

—Having safely piloted the Freshmen through the wiles of algebra with more or less success, possibly an indeterminate quantity, judging from the last review, "Square" has introduced them into the ins-and-outs of Trig. It is not reported how many new books were purchased.

—The frequent handling of the heavier Gym. equipment on account of basket-ball practice is bringing woe to some of the machines. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

—On the evening of Feb. 21, a debate will be held in the College chapel, between a team from the College of the City of New York and three of the four Seniors who appeared in the Senior-Junior debate Tuesday evening.

—The football debate did have some lasting effects, at least they lasted till next morning, when the mail did not arrive until well along after chapel. The incident is described as a case of mistaken identity as to whom should take up "the white man's burden."

—The basket-ball manager was disappointed in the receipts of the Rochester game. Though the St. Lawrence game was less important, there were more men out for it. This would seem to indicate that interest wanes as the season progresses. The opposite should be true. Let us support the game.

—Hemenway was declaiming. There came a pause in his speech. Someone irreverently snapped his finger; another clucked. Suddenly a slight smile appeared on the face of the speaker. "Everyone wished him to go on," he said with an effort, and paused again. And they all had the temerity to laugh.

—Tuesday evening it was announced that the Rev. Dr. George Knox would address the College on Washington's birthday. Probably there will be some who cannot possibly stay on the Hill. But why not spend a "safe and sane" day right here and listen to this able speaker? It is discourteous, to say the least, to invite such a man here and then give him the pleasure of addressing the seats of the chapel. It is a duty which every man owes to the College to be on hand for such events.

—Nature still continues to have her little joke at the expense of the weather bureau, until one is almost in doubt as to whether we are living in last fall or next spring. It reminds us of the Irishman who found difficulty in finding a house described as on the opposite side of the street, because whenever he made an inquiry on one side he was given the "ha-ha" and directed to the other. The latest signs of spring that ought surely enough to provoke some embryonic Milton to a sonnet, was the invasion of the Campus by a half dozen robins during the early part of the week. They seem almost to be "robbin'" winter of its due.

The Hamiltonian.

The 1907 *Hamiltonian* Board reports progress. The editor has already sent two forms to press and the third is nearly completed. Unless something unforeseen, such as a printers strike or a paper famine interferes, the book will be ready for distribution at least three weeks earlier than last year. While it is not possible to get far away from the familiar form, several new features are to be introduced which will make the book one of unusual interest. The Board is working hard and with the cooperation of the long and short haired poets and the prose artists who stalk unnumbered about this Campus, promise to produce an annual of which not only the class, but the entire College, may justly be proud.

Restriction of Athletics.

The following article from the *New York American* gives an account of the attitude of the big colleges towards athletics:

"The authorities of Columbia University who recently came out in open advocacy of the policy of abolishing all intercollegiate athletics are now pointing with some pride to the action taken by other universities along similar lines. As a matter of fact, the plan has long been in the minds of educators all over the country, but with many variations. What Columbia stood for was the promotion of sport at home and the abolition of games with other colleges, while many of the colleges are opposed to sport along general lines, principally on the charge that men only come to college to take part in the games. The action of the Western Conference of Colleges came as a great surprise to the collegians of the East. There was some expectation of a thorough reform of the game of football, but the conference went even further and advocated the limitation of intercollegiate games, trying to do away with the possibility of championship events.

"Athletics has been so firmly established in the American college that it cannot now be done away with, but many of the most prominent colleges are now on record as favoring a plan somewhat like the one recently offered by the Columbia authorities. President Schurmann of Cornell originally proposed that the solution of the question of athletics depends upon whether the students played the various games as a means of healthy

exercise or for business purposes. The increasing number of intercollegiate contests has made the management of a college team a proposition which could only be attempted by the cleverest of the college business men. Some of the colleges, notably Columbia, place a great deal of emphasis upon the election of a manager in order that they may be sure to secure a capable man.

"In order to carry out his ideas at Cornell as much as possible under the present conditions, President Schurmann has effected an important change at the Ithacan institution. None of the college teams will hereafter be allowed to take on games with athletic clubs or teams that do not represent a college. This puts athletics somewhat on the English basis. Games with outsiders are discouraged, and the sport is indulged in purely for purposes of exercise and enjoyment.

"Princeton has also set a limit to the intercollegiate sports. The announcement was made in a letter by Woodrow Wilson, president of the New Jersey college, but no direct steps have been

taken as yet to carry out his plan. He said that reform in football would be assured if intercollegiate contests were limited.

"The first protest in the West against intercollegiate sport came a few weeks ago when the students of the University of Chicago organized a "soccer" football team. The arrangement of a schedule was about to be undertaken when Dr. J. E. Raycroft, the athletic director, nipped it in the bud. He said that he believed that sport should be kept within the confines of each institution of learning and that there should be no intercollegiate contests. Dr. Raycroft was supported by Dean G. E. Vincent, Dean Shailer Matthews and Dean A. W. Small.

"Dean Small, speaking for the University of Chicago, at the conference of the Western colleges, took the same stand, and was supported by many of the other colleges. The conference went so far as to limit the number of intercollegiate football games. If the colleges should ratify its action, and it is more than likely that they will, each institution will probably determine upon a scheme whereby intercollegiate games in all sports will be limited."

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